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the members of this body who have given me the privilege of serving in that capacity the last two years. I'd also like to thank members of the committee who served for the past two years. It was a good committee and I think that we got a lot accomplished, had a good time while we were doing it, so I especially want to thank them. I'd like to ask for your support for that...for reelection as Chair. I think that, by and large, I have a passion for democracy. I believe in the public participation in our process. I believe that we should encourage as many people as we can to be involved. I think that's what makes our democracy work. I also care about the treatment and the care of our veterans and those members of the National Guard who serve us every day. I think we've also accomplished some major pieces of legislation. One of them, actually, that I'd like to mention to you was a bill that Senator Withem and I worked very hard on and some of you were in the body when we finally got it passed, and that was the total recodification of the election laws in the state, and that was LB 76. And I think because of that, you can be assured that we have an election process that works pretty darn well, and that we may have to tweak it a little bit. We're going to look at it, I think, this year, in light of everything that happened at the national level, but I think that, by and large, we have a good set of election laws. I've been eight years on the committee. I've served four years as Chair and two as Vice Chair, and I think, in summary, I care, am fairly knowledgeable about the issues, and I will work hard. And with that, I would simply ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. I place my name in nomination for Chairperson of Government, Military and Veterans Affairs. I served on that committee the first two years that I was here until forces of evil, that would be "Cap" Dierks and Stan Schellpeper, I believe, put me on Health and Human Services. I think that I offer a clear choice. I have spoken to many of you about this. Most of the people here I think know who I am, what I stand for. I haven't been too shy about stating my positions on a number of issues. I have got a deep interest in government. I served in